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SUBJECT: CONVERSATION WITH BRITISH AMBASSADOR ON CYPRUS

1. AT MY REQUEST I HAD AN EXTENDED DISCUSSION WITH
BRITISH AMBASSADOR SIR ROBIN HOOPER ON CURRENT SITUATION
IN CYPRUS.

2. HE HAD LITTLE TO ADD BEYOND THAT ALREADY KNOWN FROM
EXCELLENT REPORTING FROM VARIOUS POSTS REGARDING THE
BRITISH POSTURE. HE WAS COMPLETELY UNINFORMED AS TO
WHAT UK GOVERNMENT WOULD BE TELLING TURKS IN LONDON
DURING EXCHANGE OF VIEWS. IN REPLY TO MY INQUIRY WHY
GREEKS WERE NOT INVITED AS SIGNATORIES OF LONDON-ZURICH
AGREEMENT I RECEIVED IMPRESSION THAT EMBASSY HAD FAVORED
INCLUSION OF GREEKS, BUT PROBLEMS WITH TURKS HAD NOT MADE
THIS POSSIBLE. HE ALSO EXPRESSED SOME DOUBT, WHICH I
SHARE, WHETHER GREEK MILITARY WOULD HAVE ACCEPTED
PARTICIPATION IN CONSULTATIONS. HOWEVER, ON A PERSONAL NOTE

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I DROPPED THE THOUGHT IT DID SEEM RATHER STRANGE THAT WITH THREE

SIGNATORIES, ALL MEMBERS OF NATO, TWO WERE DISCUSSING
THE THIRD ON A MATTER OF VERY SENSITIVE MUTUAL SECURITY
INTEREST.

3. I TOOK OPPORTUNITY OF MY CONVERSATION WITH SIR ROBIN
TO EXPLAIN VARIOUS REASONS WHY I THOUGHT GOT
LACKED POSITIVE GROUNDS FOR MILITARY INTERVENTION
IN CYPRUS AT PRESENT TIME AND TO POINT OUT ALSO THAT
SUCH INTERVENTION COULD BE CATASTROPHIC IN TERMS OF OUR
NATO SECURITY INTERESTS ON SOUTHERN FLANK, AS WELL AS
STABILITY IN EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN.
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